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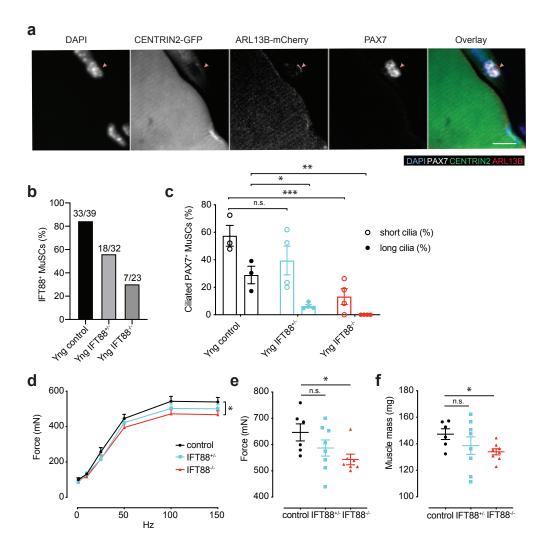
Ciliation of muscle stem cells is critical to maintain regenerative capacity and is lost during aging

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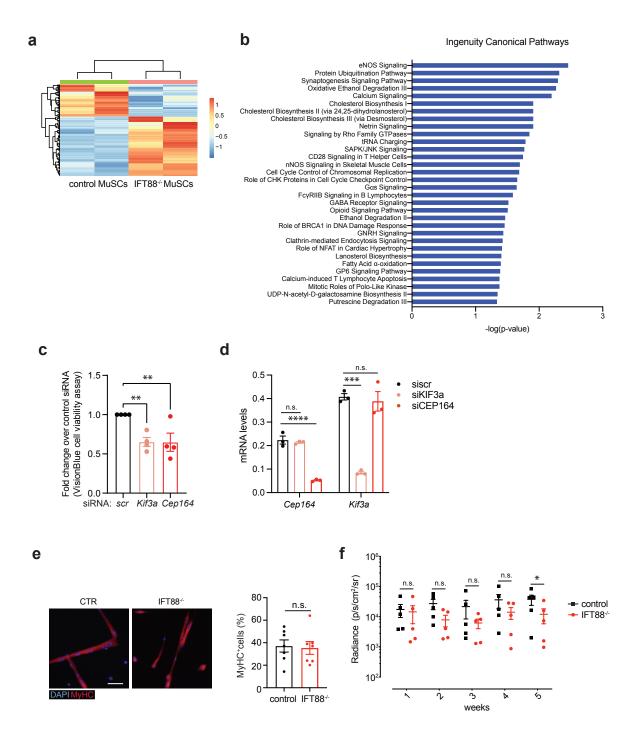
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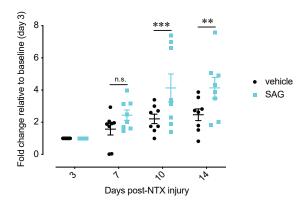
Supplementary Figure 1. Loss of cilia in MuSCs impairs muscle regeneration and strength recovery

(a) Myofibers were isolated from Extensor digitorum longus (EDL) muscles from transgenic CENTRIN2-GFP, ARL13B-mCherry mice. PAX7 staining was performed to identify MuSCs. All cells have a centrosome (CENTRIN2-GFP⁺) and ciliated cells are also ARL13B-mCherry⁺. Pink arrowhead indicates the primary cilium on the surface of MuSCs. Scale bars: 10 µM. (b) Pax7specific Ift88 conditional knockout mice (Pax7^{CreERT2};IFT88^{-/-}), heterozygous mice $(Pax7^{CreERT2};IFT88^{+/f}, IFT88^{+/-})$ or control littermates $(Pax7^{CreERT2};IFT88^{+/+}, control)$ were treated with tamoxifen (TAM) at 8 weeks of age. Myofibers were isolated and stained for PAX7, FOP and IFT88. Percent of IFT88⁺ cilia on Pax7+ MuSCs was quantified (n=39 control, n=32 IFT88^{+/-} and n=23 IFT88^{-/-} myofibers were analyzed). (c) Percent of short ($<1 \mu M$) and long ($>1 \mu M$) cilia on Pax7+ MuSCs quantified from isolated myofibers of control, IFT88+/- and IFT88-/- mice (n=75) control, 79 IFT88+/-, 81 IFT88-/- total myofibers were analyzed from 3 control and 4 IFT88+/- and IFT88-/- independent mice; average percent of ciliated MuSCs per mouse is shown). Individual replicates of Fig. 1c. (d) Force-frequency curves of control, IFT88^{+/-} and IFT88^{-/-} mice 2 weeks post-injury. (e) Plantar flexion tetanic isometric force of control, IFT88^{+/-} and IFT88^{-/-} mice on day 14 post-injury (absolute levels). (f) Gastrocnemius muscle mass 2 weeks post-injury. *P<0.05, **P<0.01, ***P<0.001. ANOVA test with Fisher's LSD for multiple comparisons (c-f). Source data are provided as a Source Data file. Means+s.e.m. n.s., non-significant.



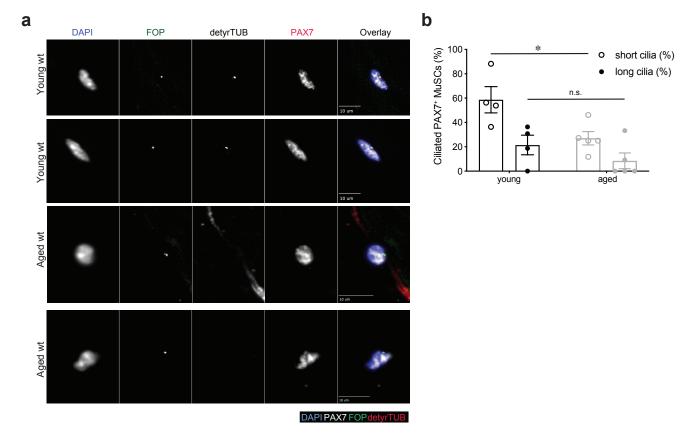
Supplementary Figure 2. Transcriptome analysis of control and IFT88-/- MuSCs

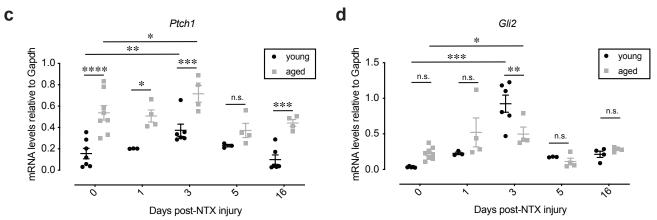
(a) Heat map of differentially expressed genes (p<0.1) between control or IFT88^{-/-} MuSCs freshly isolated from hindlimb muscles. (b) Enriched canonical pathways of the differentially expressed genes in IFT88^{-/-} MuSCs indicated by Ingenuity Pathway Analysis (IPA). (c) Proliferation of MuSCs electroporated with siRNA targeting ciliary genes Kif3a, Cep164 or control (scrambled, scr), shown as fold change normalized to scr (n=4 independent mice averaged with 3 technical replicates each). (d) Gene expression levels of *Cep164* and *Kif3a* with siRNA targeting ciliary genes Kif3a, Cep164 or control (scrambled, scr) (n=3). (e) Left: Representative images of cultured control and IFT88^{-/-} MuSCs after 7 days on collagen-coated plates showing MyHC immunostaining. Scale bars: 50 μM. Right: Quantification of MyHC positive control and IFT88^{-/-} differentiated MuSCs (n=7 mice per genotype). (f) Individual replicates of Fig. 2a. Engraftment of GFP/luc-labeled control and IFT88^{-/-} MuSCs. Bioluminescence imaging (BLI) signal post-transplant expressed as average radiance (p s⁻¹ cm⁻² sr⁻¹) (n=5 replicates per condition). ANOVA test with Fisher's LSD for multiple comparisons (c,d,f); Mann Whitney test (e). *P<0.05. Source data are provided as a Source Data file. Means+s.e.m. n.s., non-significant.



Supplementary Figure 3. SMO agonist treatment promotes MuSC expansion

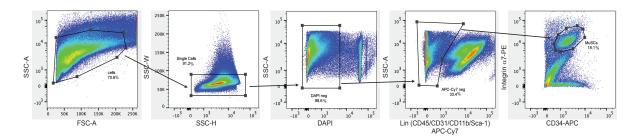
Individual replicates of Fig. 3f. Expansion of endogenous MuSCs in Pax7^{CreERT2};Rosa26-LSL-Luc mice treated with tamoxifen (TAM) to label resting MuSCs and assayed by bioluminescence imaging (BLI) post-notexin injury. BLI signal was normalized to day 3 post-injury prior to vehicle or SAG1.3 injection (n = 8 mice per condition). **P<0.01, ***P<0.001. ANOVA test with Fisher's LSD for multiple comparisons. Source data are provided as a Source Data file. Means+s.e.m. n.s., non-significant.





Supplementary Figure 4. Aged MuSCs present decreased ciliation and Hedgehog signaling

(a) Representative confocal images of uninjured/resting *Extensor digitorum longus* (EDL) myofibers of young (2 months) and aged (>24 months) C57BL/6 wild-type (wt) mice showing cilia immunostaining in Pax7⁺ MuSCs. Scale bars: 10 μm. DAPI, blue; PAX7, white; FOP, green; detyrosinated tubulin, red. (b) Percent of short (<1 μM) and long (>1 μM) cilia on Pax7+ MuSCs quantified isolated myofibers from young and aged myofibers (n=58 myofibers total per age group isolated from n=4 young and n=5 aged mice, average percent of ciliated MuSCs per mouse is shown). (c) Individual replicates for Fig. 4e. Expression of *Ptch1* after *Tibialis anterior* muscle injury. n=3-7 mice per timepoint. (d) Individual replicates for Fig. 4f. Expression of *Gli2* after *Tibialis anterior* muscle injury. n=3-7 mice per timepoint. ANOVA test with Fisher's LSD for multiple comparisons (b-d). *P<0.05, **P<0.01, ***P<0.001 ****P<0.0001. Source data are provided as a Source Data file. Mean + SEM. n.s., non-significant.



Supplementary Figure 5. Muscle Stem Cell Sorting Strategy

Compensation was performed due to overlap between APC and APC-Cy7. SSC and FSC were gated for small cells. Cells were gated for DAPI negative, Lin-APC-Cy7 negative (CD31, SCA1, CD45, CD11B), a7-PE positive, and CD34-APC positive.